

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 17

Date: September 27, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 455: Our Heavenly Father, Hear

TLH 454: Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

TLH 458, st. 1: Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above

TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 66, TLH p. 136f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 244:1,4

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 63:7-16

Romans 8:12-17

Sermon: Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

¹ Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." ² So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one." ... ⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (NKJVTM)

Lord's Prayer – Address:
Our Father Who Art in Heaven

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Caution:** If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (especially high temperature and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are strongly urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. If any member remains uncomfortable about coming to worship, online worship is still available at FridleyLutheran.org.
- ➔ **Masks:** Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings or masks are now required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. Ages 2-5 "are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably ..." Also, pastor does not need to wear one while leading the worship service.
- ➔ **Physical Distancing:** The pews are set up to be alternating, post-its on the pews that are to be used. Our ushers are asked to be proactive when ushering people in so that distancing between household units can be better accomplished. Also, please remember to do your visiting outside away from the building before and after worship, ensuring that the doorway isn't blocked by a group. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Brian Bergstrom was released from the hospital this past week and is recovering at home as he begins therapy. Unfortunately Ellen experienced a fall on Friday which bruised one of her ribs. Also, hospice is now in place for Marie Miller who is at her home. Psalm 17:1: Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer *which is* not from deceitful lips.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Prof. John Reim has announced his retirement from the teaching ministry at ILC effective at the end of the current school year.
 - ✝ Rev. Stephen Sydow in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus counselor. The intent is to call the female mentor counterpart once the Lord has filled the counselor position.
 - ✝ Pastor Chad Sebyt of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY, has accepted the call to Morningstar Lutheran in Fairchild, WI; Trinity Lutheran in Millston, WI; and Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, WI.
 - ✝ 2020 seminary graduate, Mr. Nick Naumann, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD.
 - ✝ Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran in Loganville, GA (Atlanta area), is hospitalized for possible surgery for blockage.
- ➔ **Sunday School & Adult Memory Work:** The Address

Lord's Prayer: The Address

Our Father, who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly encourages us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children, so that we may ask Him boldly and with complete confidence as dear children ask their dear father.

CLC E-Devotion – July 15, 2008

Mark 14:36 He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Matthew 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven.

ABBA, FATHER

Prayer, we know, is essentially turning to God and speaking to Him, not just with the lips, but with the heart. And Jesus makes plain what attitude of heart we are to have with the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father."

But sin has made all people rebels, defectors, enemies of God. So bad is the human situation that most blindly deny there is a problem, or live under the delusion that they can set things right themselves. But what sin broke, we humans are unable to repair or restore. God had to do it. That's the connection between Christmas and Lent.

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Galatians 4:4-6).

"Abba" -- Where have we heard that before?

In the darkness on the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane. There Jesus prays in agony of soul. He paces. He kneels. He falls, stretched out on the ground. His heart races. So intense is the pressure that the sweat which beads on His forehead is red -- mixed with His blood.

What's going on here? What could cause Jesus this depth of distress? That's a very important question. For unless we understand what happened there under the olive trees, we can't understand the opening words, the address, of the Lord's Prayer. What is Christ's burden, the weight that lies so heavily on His heart; that presses so painfully upon His soul? It is the guilt of this world's sin.

"The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

By placing our confidence in Jesus' living and dying for us, we are received back into God's family. God accepts us for Jesus' sake. "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26).

Therefore, we come to God not in cringing fear or false bravado, but with unhesitating confidence, as "dear children ask their dear father."

THE ADDRESS

“Our Father who art in heaven”

Probably more people pray than are able to define prayer, or know for sure to whom it is that they are praying. Probably the best known prayer is what Christians know as the Lord's Prayer.

So what is prayer? The dictionary definition is “the act of asking for a favor with earnestness; a petition.” We like to define prayer as “a child of God speaking to His Father.” Such speaking includes petition, as well as thanksgiving. Christian prayer is at the same time an “act of worship.”

Christian prayer is addressed to the Triune God. In the uniqueness of the Godhead He is the Creator of all that is and the Preserver of what He has created. He is the Redeemer of the world, and the Savior of all who believe in Him. He is the Sanctifier who creates, sustains and nourishes faith through the Word of the Gospel.

The God of heaven has given to His children the right and privilege to call upon Him in prayer. He invites His children to come boldly before the throne of grace to find help in time of need. Since God commands us to pray as well as invites us to do so, and since He has promised to hear those who call upon Him in faith, prayer is more than words flung into the air in the vague hope that they will reach divine ears somewhere in the cosmos. Prayer is the confident expression of the child of God who believes that as he asks things of God that have to do with this life, the Heavenly Father will answer according to His will. Further, prayer is the confident expression of a child of God who trusts that the spiritual blessings necessary for salvation for which he asks come to pass since it is the Father's good pleasure in Christ to give the believer such blessings. For that reason prayer is offered in Christ through the mediatorship of Jesus.



On this earth one can honestly call that one father whose father he is, either by birth or by adoption. So also with respect to the Heavenly Father. We are told in the Gospel of John, chapter 1, "But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." In Galatians 3 we read, "For you are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." So only they can call the God of heaven "Father" whose Father He is. Jesus amplified this in John 17. "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your Word." In John 8 we are told, "If you continue in my Word, then are you my disciples indeed ..."



When Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer, so called because He taught it, He did not teach it to the world which knows Him not but to the disciples. Scripture is very clear. In Luke 11 we read, "And it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.' So He said to them, 'When you pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven ...'"

As we study the Lord's Prayer which consists of 7 petitions, we shall see that it is the grandest of all prayers not only because it is from the lips of our Lord Himself, but also because it encompasses all things for which a child of God could pray. Martin Luther said, "... for the Lord has composed the Lord's Prayer for us in this compact manner and has included in it every need that may arise in all our trials ..." (What Luther Says, II, page 791: 2459).

The Lord has given the faith, the privilege, and the prayer. He has promised to hear all who call upon Him in the name of Jesus, the Savior. The Father delights in the prayers of His children. They are blessed who "Ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father."



✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson School: K. Baker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Craven

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Sept. 27: 9:00 am – Sunday School

9:00 am – AED Presentation

10:00 am – Worship Service

Wed., Sept. 30: Grace School: School Pictures

Sun., Oct. 4: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class (Bible Class begins)

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

October 6-7: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Sleepy Eye, MN

Sun., Oct. 11: Mission Festival w/Pastor Mark Bernthal

9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Mission Festival Worship Service

Mon. Oct. 12: Grace School: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 12-16: Grace School: No School

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 20, 2020 Sun.: 71 S.S.: 14

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,769*	CLC:	\$1,300
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+769	CLC:	+350
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$152,703	CLC:	\$34,432
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	152,000	CLC:	36,100
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+703	CLC:	-1,668
GLC Other: 27	Living Faith: 15	Tuition Aid: 0		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 0	Kinship: 0		
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$3,292	* Includes \$2,200 in school tuition		

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!